

PRESIDENT'S YACHT

NAVAL MEN'S IDEAS OF THE MAYFLOWER.

Boat Which Has Left on Southern Mission Will Not Rob President of Any Pleasure.

New York.—The Mayflower, which President Roosevelt has given up that it may be free to perform a mission in the turbulent waters of South America, is an elegant boat but her going brings no pang of regret to the president, for naval men who know what they are talking about say that he "hates yachting."

This may surprise you, but if you express your surprise to your naval in-



Apartment That Was the President's Stateroom.

formant he will probably start in and tell you of the president's one and only yachting trip for pleasure.

"Somebody invited him to go a few years ago, and the invitation must have struck him when his stock of excuses was phenomenally low. At any rate he couldn't seem to beg off, so he very reluctantly went abroad and the yacht started.

"But just as it left its anchorage the president suddenly declared that he had forgotten something of the utmost importance and that he'd have to go back after it. Threats, prayers, entreaties—all were vain. The mysterious something must be got and by himself.

"A small boat was called, for the president insisted on rowing himself ashore in a local boat, and off he went. Yes sir, off he went—and he never came back. And that, you understand, was his one and only yachting trip for pleasure.

"If he could whang the whole ship around maybe he'd like it better. But when he has a voyage of any consequence to make, as the cruise to Panama, he doesn't go on the Mayflower anyway. He goes on a big battleship, where there are plenty of things to keep him interested."

The Mayflower was built in 1896 at Clydebank, Scotland, for Ogden Goelet. The Thompsons were her builders and she was one of the handsomest vessels of her kind afloat when she was finished. She made her first and her only cruise under private ownership when she brought the body of Ogden Goelet to this country in 1897.

When the war with Spain began the Mayflower was bought by this government and is the largest and finest, though not the fastest, of our converted yachts. All her fine fittings were taken out of her before she was put into commission, but after the war many of them were restored.

When she was built her various rooms were finished in different woods, but they are now uniformly covered with white enamel. She has several beautiful marble mantelpieces, and her interior woodwork has some good carvings and moldings. The former library has been made over and is now transformed into two staterooms for the use of the president and his

wife or his guests.

The china, linen and such furnishings are different from those which the vessel would receive if she were not used by the president. But the difference is only to this degree: that they are the special linen, china, etc., provided for use by an admiral. These are all especially made for the use of our admirals, and display the emblem peculiar to that rank.

The vessel, however, is not commanded by an admiral, nor has any special rank gone with its command because of its personal use by the president. It has had a complement of eight officers and 165 men, is built of steel, is 2,690 tons displacement, has a speed of 16.8 knots, is 273 feet long, 36 feet in breadth, and has a mean draught of 17 feet 4 inches.

CAT SLIDES DOWN A POLE.

Firemen's Feline Mascot Learns the Trick by Watching Them.

Boston.—The firemen of Combination A fire station, on Canal street, in West Medford, have a mascot, a veteran fire horse and a captain in whom they take great pride, says the Globe. The mascot is Dick, a large tortoiseshell coon cat, that slides down the sliding pole like any other fireman.

The horse is Jeff, with a record of 25 years' continuous service.

The captain is Frank H. Walker, for over 27 years a member of the department.

Dick, the cat, is an unusually intelligent animal. He was presented to the company by Hoseman Chamberlain about two years ago, when a mere kitten.

He had adapted himself to the ways of the fire department, and at the present time can slide down the firemen's sliding pole from the second floor, a distance of 19 feet, with comparative ease. He attends fires occasionally, riding in the bottom of the combination chemical engine and hose wagon, and is to be found "at home"



"Dick" Coming Down the Sliding Pole.

almost any afternoon sound asleep on the broad back of the big black veteran horse, Jeff.

The First "Baedeker."

In answer to an inquiry a German paper says: "The first 'Baedeker' was published at Coblenz, on the Rhine, in 1839. Baedeker was born at Essen in 1801 and was by occupation a book-seller. There had been tourist guides before him."

No Use of It.

"Are you feeling very ill?" asked the doctor. "Let me see your tongue, please?"

"What's the use, doctor," replied the patient. "No tongue can tell how bad I feel."—Roseleaf.

LOOKED FOR OTHER TWO.

Little One Had But One Idea of Term "Fore-Handed."

Little Catherine has been boarding on a farm this summer, and many of the rural expressions are wholly unfamiliar to her. One day she chanced to hear her country hostess praising the good qualities of a certain thrifty neighbor.

"He really ain't got much, compared to some folks," said the farmer's wife, "but he makes out wonderful well; he's so fore-handed."

That evening the man thus lauded happened to drop in, and Katherine immediately sidled up to him, with curious eyes. Slowly she revolved about the chair in which he sat, and so persistently did she gaze at him that the farmer's wife finally noticed it.

"Well, Katherine," she said, "you seem to find a good deal to look at in Mr. B—; don't you?"

"Why," replied the child, her little forehead wrinkled in perplexity. "I did want to see his two uvver hands, but I can't. Is he sittin' on 'em?"

OF COURSE HE WOULDN'T.



"You certainly wouldn't marry a girl for her money, would you, Tom?"

"Of course not; neither would I have the heart to let her become an old maid because she happened to be well off."

SELF DELUSION

Many People Deceived by Coffee.

We like to defend our indulgences and habits even though we may be convinced of their actual harmfulness.

A man can convince himself that whisky is good for him on a cold morning, or beer on a hot summer day—when he wants the whisky or beer.

It's the same with coffee. Thousands of people suffer headaches and nervousness year after year but try to persuade themselves the cause is not coffee—because they like coffee.

"While yet a child I commenced using coffee and continued it," writes a Wis. man, "until I was a regular coffee fiend. I drank it every morning and in consequence had a blinding headache nearly every afternoon."

"My folks thought it was coffee that ailed me, but I liked it and would not admit it was the cause of my trouble, so I stuck to coffee and the headaches stuck to me."

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The Holy Fly.

Helen was watching some flies on the window pane, when she called to her mother, "Mamma, come and see if this is the bosom fly."

"The bosom fly, child! What kind of a fly is that?"

"Oh, the one they sang about in church last Sunday—'Let me to thy bosom fly.'"—The Circle.

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